Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the subject application.

Listing of Claims:

1.   (currently amended) A heat-shrink tube for an electrical power cable comprising:

a sleeve having an electrically insulating, elastomeric inner layer, an electrically conductive outer layer, and between the inner and outer layers a thermoplastic mid-layer which is softenable by application of heat to the sleeve to permit dimensional recovery thereof, the sleeve being of tubular, one-piece construction, the thermoplastic mid-layer being sufficiently rigid to retain the electrically insulating inner layer in a radially expanded state prior to recovery and the outer layer and whereby the thermoplastic mid-layer supporting supports the electrically insulating inner layer, and the outer layer having a thickness less than 50% than that of the thermoplastic mid-layer.

2.   (canceled) The heat-shrink tube as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the electrically insulating inner layer is comprised of an elastomeric material.

3.   (canceled) The heat-shrink tube as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic mid-layer is sufficiently rigid to retain the electrically insulating inner layer in a radially expanded state prior to recovery.

4.   (previously presented) The heat-shrink tube as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic mid-layer comprises an electrically insulating layer.

5.   (previously presented) The heat-shrink tube as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the sleeve is an extruded sleeve.

6.   (previously presented) The heat-shrink tube as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the sleeve is a molded sleeve.

7.   (previously presented) The heat-shrink tube as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the outer layer has a thickness less than 25% than that of the thermoplastic mid-layer.

8.   (previously presented) The heat-shrink tube as claimed in Claim 7, wherein the outer layer has a thickness less than 12.5% than that of the thermoplastic mid-layer.